Business of the House

Sri S. V. AGNIHOTRI.—Sir, I move that the time be extended by one and a half hours.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಹಿಂದಿನ ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುವವರು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜನ ಇದ್ದಾಗಲೂ ಸಹ ತಾವು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲ 6 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನರಿಯಾಗಿ ಒಟಿಗೆ ಹಾಕುತ್ತಾ, ಇದ್ದಿರಿ, ಅದೇ ತತ್ವ ವನ್ನು ಇವತ್ತೂ ಸಹ ಅನುಸರಿಸಬೇಕು. ಬಿಲ್ ಪಾಸ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ತಾವು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am not making any distinction. The leaders and Whips of parties said that there should be some extension of time so as to give chance to some members to speak. Another point is that the Appropriation Bill has to be passed today so that it might go before the Upper House and passed tomorrow.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—After the Sales Tax Bill is passed, we might take the Appropriation Bill tomorrow, if it is not very very inconvenient.

6-00 P.M.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, the discussion on this Bill is practically over. Now there are only some amendments. So this Bill can be finished in 15 minutes, the maximum that it may take is 20 minutes.

In regard to the Appropriation Bill, the hon. Members would very kindly appreciate that unless these bills are passed to-day in this House, it is not possible to place them before the Council tomorrow. Tomorrow is the last day of the financial year. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that these Bills must go through to-day.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—It was agreed in the Business Advisory Committee also that at least three to four hours should be allowed to the Appropriation Bill. We thought that the Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill would be over by 2 0' Clock; and thereafter allowing 3 to 4 hours for the Appropriation Bill, we could finish the business today. That was the understanding in regard to the 7 hours allotted for the Bills. It is already 6 0' Clock. By the time the formalities in respect of the Sales Tax Bill are completed, it will be 6-30 P.M. Unless we sit beyond 10 0' Clock in the night, we will not be able to finish the Appropriation Bill. Moreover, many Members have been permitted by the Hon. Speaker to raise one or two important points during the discussion on the Appropriation Bill. That promise is still working in their minds. Specially, this year, we had to discuss the Demands in a different atmosphere because we had to give most of our attention to the border and Cauvery Waters problem. Those problems took away lot of our time. So, at least on the Appropriation Bill, 3 to 4 hours discussion is absolutely necessary. As hon. member Sri Siddaveerappa suggest, we

may sit tomorrow early morning from 8-30 A.M. to 11 A.M. then we can pass the Appropriation Bills.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—3 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸೇರ್ಸ್‌ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲು ಪಾಸಾಗಿ ಏಳೆಂಟು ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಅಪ್ರೊಪ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲು ನಡೆಯಬಹುದೆಂದು ನಾವು ಭಾವಿಸಿದ್ದೆವು. ಆದರೆ 6 ಗಂಟೆಯಾದರೂ ಸೇರ್ಸ್‌ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲೇ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನವರು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ಎಂಟೂವರೆಯಿಂದ 12 ವರೆಗೆ ಕುಳಿತು ಎರಡ್ಮೂ ಕೆಲಸ ಮುಗಿಸಬಹುದು. 4 ಗಂಟೆ ಕಾಲ ಅಪ್ರೊಪ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅನ್‌ಅಫಿಷಿಯಲ್ಲಾಗಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆಯಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹೋಗುವುದು.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Otherwise, the Minister will be extracting a confession from us if he tries to push through the bills.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I respect the views of the hon. Members. I think there is no attempt to stifle the debate. As far as the debate on the Appropriation Bill is concerned, it is confined to only general principles in regard to the efficiency of the services, economic position and such general matters. So the consideration of the Appropriation Bill need not take much time. However, it is left to the members to come to a decision. I am not shutting out debate at all. Hon. Member Sri Agnihotri has made a motion that we should extend the time till 7-30 P.M.

If the Government wants to finish the Appropriation Bills to-day, they may be taken up now and the Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill may be taken up to morrow.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—We are prepared for two sittings to-morrow.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill is as important as the Appropriation Bills. Unless we pass the measure tomorrow, it cannot be given effect to from day-after-tomorrow.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—On one or two occasions, we have taken up the Appropriation Bill on the last day of March in the morning and in the afternoon at 3 0' Clock, it has been sent to the Legislative Council. There are instances.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Agnihotri has moved a motion, in consultation with Sri Hutchmasty Gowda, for extension of time up to 7-30 P.M. I shall put this to the House. The question is :

"That the time to consider the Bill be extended up to 7-30 P.M. today"

The motion was adopted.

[*The time is extended up to 7-30 p.m.*]